

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
LAREDO DIVISION

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MICHAEL ALRICK LONEY

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CRIMINAL NO. L-10-318

PLEA AGREEMENT

The United States of America, by and through José Angel Moreno, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas and Thomas Calhoun-Lopez, Assistant United States Attorney, and the defendant, Michael Alrick Loney, and the defendant's counsel, pursuant to Rule **11(c)(1)(A)** and **11(c)(1)(B)** of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, state that they have entered into an agreement, the terms and conditions of which are as follows:

The Defendant's Agreement

1. The defendant agrees to plead guilty to Count One (1) of the Indictment. Count One (1) charges defendant with **illegal reentry following removal or deportation**, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326. The defendant, by entering this plea and plea agreement agrees that he/she is waiving any right to have the facts the law makes essential to the punishment either charged in the Indictment or proven to a jury.

Punishment Range

2. The **statutory** maximum penalty for each violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326, is imprisonment of not more than 20 years, and a fine of not more than \$250,000.

Additionally, the defendant may receive a term of supervised release after imprisonment of at least three years. Title 18, U.S.C. §§ 3559(a) and 3583(b). Defendant acknowledges and understands that if he/she should violate the conditions of any period of supervised release which may be imposed as part of his/her sentence, then defendant may be imprisoned for the entire term of supervised release, without credit for time already served on the term of supervised release prior to such violation. Title 18, U.S.C. §§ 3559(a) and 3583(e)(3). Defendant understands that he/she cannot have the imposition or execution of the sentence suspended, nor is he/she eligible for parole.

Mandatory Special Assessment

3. Pursuant to Title 18, U.S.C. § 3013(a)(2)(A), immediately after sentencing, defendant will pay to the Clerk of the United States District Court a special assessment in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per count of conviction. The payment will be by cashier's check or money order payable to the Clerk of the United States District Court, c/o District Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 61010, Houston, Texas 77208, Attention: Finance.

Fine and Reimbursement

4. Defendant understands that under the relevant statutes and United States Sentencing Guidelines, the Court is permitted to order the defendant to pay a fine that is sufficient to reimburse the government for the costs of any imprisonment or term of supervised release; if any is ordered.

5. Defendant agrees that any fine or restitution imposed by the Court will be due and payable immediately, and defendant will not attempt to avoid or delay payment. Defendant understands the Court will determine the amount of full restitution to compensate all victim(s).

6. Defendant agrees to make complete financial disclosure to the United States by truthfully executing a sworn financial statement (Form OBD-500), by the deadline set by the United

States, or if no deadline is set, no later than sentencing. Defendant agrees to authorize the release of all financial information requested by the United States, including, but not limited to, executing authorization forms for the United States to obtain tax information, bank account records, credit history, and social security information. Defendant agrees to discuss or answer any questions by the United States relating to the Defendant's complete financial disclosure. Further, the Defendant agrees to make full restitution to any and all victim(s) of the offenses the Indictment charges against the Defendant regardless of the count(s) of conviction.

Waiver of Appeal

7. Defendant is aware that Title 18, U.S.C. § 3742 affords a defendant the right to appeal a conviction and appeal the sentence imposed. The defendant agrees to waive the right to appeal the conviction, the sentence imposed or the manner in which the sentence was determined. Additionally, the defendant is aware that Title 28, U.S.C. § 2255, affords the right to contest or "collaterally attack" a conviction or sentence after the conviction or sentence has become final. The defendant waives the right to contest his/her conviction or sentence by means of any post-conviction proceeding.

8. In agreeing to these waivers, defendant is aware that a sentence has not yet been determined by the Court. The defendant is also aware that any estimate of the possible sentencing range under the sentencing guidelines that he/she may have received from his/her counsel, the United States or the Probation Office, is a prediction, not a promise, **did not induce his/her guilty plea**, and is not binding on the United States, the Probation Office or the Court. The United States does not make any promise or representation concerning what sentence the defendant will receive.

9. The Defendant understands and agrees that each and all waivers contained in the

Agreement are made in exchange for the concessions made by the United States in this plea agreement.

The United States' Agreements

10. The United States agrees to each of the following:
 - (a) If defendant pleads guilty to Count One (1) of the Indictment and persists in that plea through sentencing, and if the Court accepts this plea agreement, the United States will move to dismiss any remaining counts of the Indictment at the time of sentencing;
 - (b) At the time of sentencing, the United States agrees not to oppose defendant's anticipated request to the Court and the United States Probation Office that he/she receive a two (2) level downward adjustment pursuant to U.S.S.G. Section 3E1.1(a) should the defendant accept responsibility as contemplated by the Sentencing Guidelines;
 - (c) If the defendant qualifies for an adjustment under U.S.S.G. Section 3E1.1(a), and the defendant's guideline offense level prior to applying U.S.S.G. Section 3E1.1(a) is 16 or higher, the United States agrees to move the Court grant the defendant an additional one (1) level reduction in the defendant's guideline offense level for acceptance of responsibility pursuant to U.S.S.G. Section 3E1.1(b) based on the defendant timely notifying authorities of defendant's intention to plead guilty, thereby permitting the government to avoid preparing for trial and permitting the government and the Court to allocate their resources effectively.

United States' Non-Waiver of Appeal

11. The United States reserves the right to carry out its responsibilities under statutory and guidelines sentencing. Specifically, the United States reserves the right:
 - (a) to bring its version of the facts of this case, including its evidence file and any investigative files, to the attention of the Probation Office in connection with that office's preparation of a presentence report;
 - (b) to set forth or dispute sentencing factors or facts material to sentencing;
 - (c) to seek resolution of such factors or facts in conference with defendant's counsel and the Probation Office;

- (d) to file a pleading relating to these issues, in accordance with U.S.S.G. Section 6A1.2 and Title 18, U.S.C. § 3553(a); and,
- (e) to appeal the sentence imposed or the manner in which it was determined.

Sentence Determination

12. Defendant is aware that the sentence will be imposed after consideration of the United States Sentencing Guidelines and Policy Statements, as well as the provisions of Title 18, U.S.C. § 3553(a). Defendant nonetheless acknowledges and agrees that the Court has authority to impose any sentence up to and including the statutory maximum set for the offense(s) to which Defendant pleads guilty, and that the sentence to be imposed is within the sole discretion of the sentencing judge after the Court has consulted the applicable Sentencing Guidelines. Defendant further understands and agrees that the United States Sentencing Guidelines are “effectively advisory” to the Court. *United States v. Booker*, 125 S.Ct. 738 (2005). Accordingly, Defendant understands that, although the Court must consult the Sentencing Guidelines and must take them into account when sentencing Defendant, the Court is not bound to follow the Sentencing Guidelines nor sentence Defendant within the calculated guideline range. Defendant understands and agrees the parties’ positions regarding the application of the Sentencing Guidelines do not bind the Court and that the sentence imposed is within the discretion of the sentencing judge. If the Court should impose any sentence up to the maximum established by statute, or should the Court order any or all of the sentences imposed to run consecutively, Defendant cannot, for any of those reasons alone or in combination, withdraw a guilty plea, and will remain bound to fulfill all of the obligations under this plea agreement.

Rights at Trial

13. Defendant represents to the Court that he/she is satisfied that his/her attorney has rendered effective assistance. Defendant understands that by entering into this agreement, he/she surrenders certain rights as provided in this plea agreement. Defendant understands that the rights of a defendant include the following:

- (a) If defendant persisted in a plea of not guilty to the charges, defendant would have the right to a speedy jury trial with the assistance of counsel. The trial may be conducted by a judge sitting without a jury if the defendant, the United States, and the court all agree.
- (b) At a trial, the United States would be required to present witnesses and other evidence against the defendant. Defendant would have the opportunity to confront those witnesses and his/her attorney would be allowed to cross-examine them. In turn, the defendant could, but would not be required to, present witnesses and other evidence on his/her own behalf. If the witnesses for defendant would not appear voluntarily, he/she could require their attendance through the subpoena power of the court.
- (c) At a trial, defendant could rely on a privilege against self-incrimination and decline to testify, and no inference of guilt could be drawn from such refusal to testify. However, if the defendant desired to do so, he/she could testify on his/her own behalf.

Factual Basis for Guilty Plea

14. Defendant is pleading guilty because he/she is guilty of the charges contained in Count One (1) of the Indictment, and the facts set forth for by the United States meet the elements of the crime he/she is pleading guilty to on this date. If this case were to proceed to trial, the United States could prove each element of the offense beyond a reasonable doubt. The following facts, among others would be offered to establish the Defendant's guilt:

The defendant is a native and citizen of Jamaica with no documents allowing him to enter,

travel through, or remain in the United States. Defendant was previously removed from the United States on or about October 26, 2007 from Alexandria, Louisiana to Jamaica. Thereafter, defendant *attempted to enter* ~~was found in~~ the United States on or about January 23, 2010 at or near Laredo, Texas. There is no *RM ML* record that the defendant had ever applied for or received the permission of the United States Attorney General or the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to apply to re-enter the United States after his removal.

Breach of Plea Agreement

15. If defendant should fail in any way to fulfill completely all of the obligations under this plea agreement, the United States will be released from its obligations under the plea agreement, and the defendant's plea and sentence will stand. If at any time defendant retains, conceals or disposes of assets in violation of this plea agreement, or if defendant knowingly withholds evidence or is otherwise not completely truthful with the United States, then may move the Court to set aside the guilty plea and reinstate prosecution. Any information and documents that have been disclosed by defendant, whether prior to or subsequent to this plea agreement, and all leads derived therefrom, can and will be used against defendant in any prosecution. Additionally, all statements made pursuant to this plea agreement will be admissible against defendant who hereby waives the provisions of Rule 11(f) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and Rule 410 of the Federal Rules of Evidence.

16. Whether the defendant has breached any provision of this plea agreement, if contested by the parties, shall be determined by the Court in an appropriate proceeding during which the defendant's disclosures and documentary evidence shall be admissible and during

which the United States shall be required to establish a breach of the plea agreement by a preponderance of the evidence.

Forfeiture

17. This plea agreement is being entered into by the United States on the basis of defendant's express representation that he/she will make a full and complete disclosure of all assets over which he/she exercises direct or indirect control, or in which he/she has any financial interest. Defendant agrees to forfeit whatever interest he/she may have in assets related to his illegal reentry, including those assets listed in the Indictment, if any. In addition, Defendant agrees to waive any and all interest in any asset which is the subject of any related administrative or judicial forfeiture proceeding, whether such proceeding is criminal or civil, or based on state or federal law.

Complete Agreement

18. This written plea agreement, consisting of 11 pages, including the attached addendum of defendant and his/her attorney, constitutes the complete plea agreement between the United States, defendant and his/her counsel. No promises or representations have been made by the United States except as set forth in writing in this plea agreement. Defendant acknowledges that no threats have been made against him/her and that he/she is pleading guilty freely and voluntarily because he/she is guilty.


19. Any modification of this plea agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.

Filed at Laredo, Texas, on _____, 2010.


MICHAEL ALRICK LONEY
Defendant


Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 15,, 2010.


DAVID J. BRADLEY, Clerk
UNITED STATES DISTRICT CLERK

By: 
Deputy United States District Clerk

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